



Saturday December 3

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 11th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday December 4

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Julia Lawlor, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Monday December 5

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy

Tuesday December 6

8am ~ Clovis Belanger, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by James & Dorreen Dolan

Wednesday December 7

8am ~ Michael Cannon, 7th Anniversary,

requested by his wife Connie

Thursday December 8 Immaculate Conception

8am ~ William Billy Sandall requested by his family

10:00 ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

7pm ~ Martha Callahan, 1st Anniversary, Lyric

Michaud requested by Dan & Sue Martin

Friday December 9

8am ~ No Mass

7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday December 10

4pm ~ Phillip John Cieszynski, Birthday

Remembrance, **Robert Stanley Cieszynski**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their family

Sunday December 11

8am ~ Robert Hall requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Sunday, December 4

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school cafeteria

Christmas Pageant Practice, 11:30 AM, in the church

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, December 5

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria

Faith Life Confirmation Class Grades 5-12, 6:00 PM, in the school

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, December 6

Holy Hour, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 8

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 9

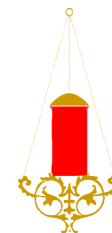
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, December 10

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Faith Life Grade 3 First Communion Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Charles Hudson**, 11th Anniversary, by his wife & children

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Second Sunday of Advent - Prepare the way of the Lord



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is the season of expectant waiting for the Son of God, who comes down to earth to save humanity. As we enter the season of Advent, we will meet again with two prophets, Isaiah, and John the Baptist in the readings of the Mass. The book of Isaiah is one of the longest of the Old Testament books, this prophet was born 800 years before Jesus Christ. The book of Isaiah is still read often in synagogues. Perhaps Jesus heard more about Isaiah than the other prophets. Thus, in Luke's Gospel, he begins his ministry by reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah and applying it to himself (Lk 4:16-21).

The prophet Isaiah is a prophet of hope, especially in the book of Isaiah, where he describes the birth of the Messiah: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). The prophet Isaiah is also a prophet of God's mercy and peace. In the first reading today, we hear that "not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide right for the land's afflicted" (Isaiah 11:4).

John the Baptist first appeared in the Gospel with a completely different appearance from the other prophets, Matthew says: "John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey" (Matthew 3:4). Although he was different from the other prophets, many people came and heard him preach. He preached repentance and called everyone to turn back and believe in God. God invites us to wear the new man through the passages of the Lord's words we just heard today on the second Sunday of Advent year A.

John the Baptist preached and invited people to come down to the Jordan River to be purified. Today we are called to purify our hearts to prepare ourselves for the indwelling of the Child Jesus. The prophet Isaiah guides us on our Advent journey to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. The prophet Isaiah also urges us to correct and give up the evil passions that defile the temple of the heart. Advent is a favorable time for people to return and reconcile with God; He is always waiting for us. I hope that today's readings touch our hearts so that we can prepare ourselves very diligently so that the Son of God comes to earth and dwells in our hearts.

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VOCATION

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



Faith Life for the Month of December

Advent is one of the most beautiful times to live our faith as a family. We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior but we are also reminded of the hope that Jesus' Second Coming will bring as well. Advent is a time to renew our hope!

"The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope, which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty."

- Pope Francis

During this beautiful season, this will be our focus in the Faith Life Program. What does this look like? How can we anchor our lives in Christ and restore our hope during Advent?

- Take time for family prayer
- Attend Holy Mass together and discuss what you see and hear during the Sacred Liturgy.
- Visit those who might be lonely during these times
- Serve the poor
- Sing lots of Advent and Christmas Carols
- Invite someone to join you for Holy Mass on Christmas morning.

These are just a few ways we can quiet our hearts and anchor once again on Jesus, who is the source of hope!

I pray that you all have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

HELPING CENACOLO

This January, Fr. Von will be traveling to minister to Cenacolo in Florida. Cenacolo is a place for young people in darkness to find light through prayer, work and community. Many that go to Cenacolo are addicts. If you would like to help Cenacolo, gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe's or generic (ie Visa gift cards) would be appreciated. Please get them to Fr. Von or to the Parish Office no later than January 3rd.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER

Youth ministry is open to everyone in grades 6-12 Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18th, from 5:30-7:00 PM Join us for games, Yankee swap, and celebration! This gathering will take place in the youth room at the school.

Please register for this event by emailing Adam at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

Stuebenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration will open soon!

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. This is our chance to help our less fortunate neighbors by providing gifts for their children. Watch for the tags with attached gift requests. Simply choose one of the tags, purchase the gift and return the gift with the tag attached to the Chapel by December 11th. Please do not wrap the gift. Thanks for helping to make this Christmas season a little brighter for some of our local children.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **December 6th, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **December 5th, 12th & 19th, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school. There will be more episodes in the New Year.

**SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS
&
NEW YEAR'S MASS**

Christmas Eve – December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – December 25th

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve – December 31st

The Solemnity of Mary 4:00 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary 8:00 AM
The Solemnity of Mary 10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant will be before the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be on Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:35 AM) on December 11th and 18th. To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, December 10th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center
Advent Penance Service, Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If anyone would like to remember their love ones you can do this through the Christmas Memorials. The deadline is Monday, December 19th. You can drop it off in the Parish Office or drop it into the collection basket at Church during Mass.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Jacqueline Lamoureux, Joan Latour, Daniel Carrier, Richard Bousquet* and *Ann Marshall*. We extend our sympathy to their families.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **\$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the week of 11/20/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,945

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,424

Parish Collections for the week of 11/27/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,610

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,052

Total Offertory \$16,031

Faith Life \$1,567

Thanksgiving \$1,690

Total Collected \$19,288

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

Human Development

collected as of 11/20/22

\$1,450

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Dec. 11 Retirement Fund for the Religious

This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.

Dec. 18 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

The Cluster Advent Penance Service is being held on Sunday, December 11th, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem, NH

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Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to pelham.formed.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org